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## SKITbits

# Winter/ Spring 2022

### *From the President*

Hello, Faithful SKIT Members!

Here it is, my final **President's letter** to you all. I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well. What a wild ride the past three years have been.

The first show SKIT presented in the spring of 2019 was Shakespeare's *Much Ado about Nothing*, directed by Billijean Martiello. That fall, we presented Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple, Female version*, directed by Martha Bristol. Then in the spring of 2020 we were all geared up to present *Puffs*, directed by Suzanna Brown when you-know-what hit.

As each next season approached, the SKIT Board struggled with our options for performances, and our responsibilities to the community. Our monthly Board meetings shifted to Zoom (which we all really liked). Our Annual meetings also shifted to Zoom and will again this year. (See inside for more information.)

In October 2020, we hosted a FaceBook Live event featuring Christopher Martiello and his show, *Theremin: Music of Lightning & Air*. We kept our fingers crossed for a show in spring 2021 but alas, had to postpone. In the fall of 2021 we had great success (with precautions in place) when *Turning Toward the Sun*, written by Ceil Warren and directed by Wally Borgen, hit the Warner Town Hall stage. For an update on our next production, *43rd Street*, please see director Susie Lowe-Stockwell's article inside.

And through it all, due to your continued generosity, we were able to award four scholarships each spring to local high school students as they pursued their educations in arts/theatre. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

It has been an honor to serve you through these times. Please join us at our Annual Meeting on Sunday March 20, 2022 via Zoom. I know our paths will cross again.

With Gratitude,

*Judy Thackaberry*

### ***43rd Street - Postponed ... Again!***

They say “The show must go on!” . . . Eventually it will!

*43rd Street*, the musical comedy by my uncle, the late Tom Lowe, has been put on hold once again. Unfortunately, COVID brought another halt to rehearsals early in January before we even got started! The rising numbers of the Omicron variant in New Hampshire has given us pause and reason to move the production to November 18-20, 2022 at the beautiful Newport Opera House.

Another driving factor to postpone was lack of a full cast. At our January 8 cast meeting, we were still in need of five men to fill major and supporting roles. We welcome men to audition who are interested in singing, as well as a couple of men who just want to join in on the fun as gangsters! We continue to gather a few more women as well to be our “Bag Ladies/Street People.” We will also need up to ten youngsters ages 10 to 17 to be the “boys” of the orphanage.

I am thrilled to direct the revival of this fun musical and grateful for the partnership between SKIT and the Newport Opera House for making this production possible. Please contact me, Susie Lowe-Stockwell, at [lowstock@mcttelecom.com](mailto:lowstock@mcttelecom.com) or Judy Thackaberry, assistant director, at [judy1857@yahoo.com](mailto:judy1857@yahoo.com) for more information or with your interest in an audition. The show *will* go on! – *Susie Lowe-Stockwell*

### **ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING**

This year’s SKIT Annual meeting will once again be held via Zoom. It will be held **Sunday March 20, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.** Here is the link, or you can enter the meeting ID and passcode to enter the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83655267244?  
pwd=Y29xUVFqa1VqRHR4ZXA2SWJGSW12dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83655267244?pwd=Y29xUVFqa1VqRHR4ZXA2SWJGSW12dz09)

Meeting ID: 836 5526 7244

Passcode: 0N2fS6

We will ask those in attendance to vote for slight changes in the by-laws to account for the slate of officers presented below.

Co-Presidents: Christopher Martiello

Michael T. Brown

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Secretary: Rachel Parsons

Director: Suzanna Brown

Director: Caleb Parsons

President Ex-officio: Judy Thackaberry

Membership: Judy Thackaberry

Scholarship: Michael T. Brown

## FOND MEMORIES JACK TATE

It is with great sadness and many, many fond memories that we share the news of Jack Tate's passing. Jack was one of our originals. A founding member of SKIT, Jack loved all aspects of theatre and lent his talents to many productions by performing, working behind the scenes, in front of house, and serving on the SKIT board.



From performing in the first two SKIT shows, *Yuletide Traditions* in 1993 and *A Christmas Memory* in 1994, up through helping with tickets and greeting patrons at the last show we did, Jack was involved in SKIT all along the way. He was a great storyteller with a real sense of humor and was always ready with a pun!

He was equally at home with musicals, melodramas, comedies, and dramas. One of the highlights of his SKIT career was portraying Samuel Potter in Donald Hall's *The Bone Ring*. He played Grandpa in *You Can't Take It with You* for the benefit of the Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurse Association. The success of that show gave Norman Leger the inspiration to start a charitable theater group that became SKIT.

He was a good friend and an invaluable member of the SKIT community.

Our deepest condolences and love go out to his husband Don Boxwell and his family.  
—Linda Lambert



*The stage set, left, for the fall 2021 production of *Turning toward the Sun*, adapted from the book of the same title by Ceil Warren and directed by SKIT's Wally Borgen.*

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